

- (h) a condition requiring the air service to be in full operation within a specified period, not exceeding two years, after the date upon which the licence is granted;
- (i) a condition requiring the air carrier to give to the commission a specified period of notice of his intention to abandon the air service;
- (j) a condition prohibiting the conveyance of mails without the authority of the Postmaster-General;
- (k) any other conditions which the commission considers desirable in the interests of public safety, or to prevent uneconomic competition.

12. (1) A licence may be granted for such period, not exceeding seven years, as the commission may in each case stipulate: Provided that every licence for the operation of a scheduled air transport service shall be granted for an initial period of seven years: Provided further that any licence may be renewed by the commission for such further period or periods, not exceeding five years at a time, as the commission may in each case deem desirable in the public interest, and subject to such conditions as are mentioned in section *eleven*.

(2) An application for the renewal of a licence shall be submitted to the commission not later than twelve months prior to the date of expiration of the licence and if any such application is submitted to the commission not less than eighteen months prior to the date of expiration of the licence, the decision of the commission thereon shall be communicated to the applicant not less than twelve months prior to that date.

(3) The period of validity of a licence may, in the discretion of the commission, be expressed to commence as from a date subsequent to that on which the licence is actually granted.

(4) If at the date on which a licence expires, proceedings are pending on an application for the renewal of the licence, the expired licence shall be deemed to continue in force until such application has been finally determined.

13. (1) An air carrier to whom a licence for the provision of an air transport service has been granted, shall not commence such service until the commission has issued to him an operating certificate certifying that the holder is adequately equipped and able to conduct a safe air transport service over the route or within the area in respect of which the licence was granted.

(2) Any person who contravenes the provisions of sub-section (1) shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to the penalties prescribed by sub-section (4) of section *two*.

14. There shall be paid to the Secretary for Transport by an air carrier in respect of each licence issued to him, and in respect of the renewal or transfer of any such licence, such fee as may be prescribed in relation to the class of licence in question.

15. (1) A licence may, on the application of the holder, be transferred by the commission to another person for the remaining period of its validity, and the commission may make its consent to the transfer subject to such conditions as it may in the public interest deem desirable.

(2) If any condition subject to which the consent of the commission to the transfer of a licence was obtained, is not fulfilled

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